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SUBJECT: US/FRG MEETING ON OCTOBER ITU REGIONAL

CONFERENCE: BERLIN ASPECTS

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1. GERMAN SIDE AT MARCH 5 MEETING RAISED BERLIN ASPECTS OF OCTOBER ITU REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND EXPRESSED EXPECTATION THAT GDR, BACKED BY USSR AND OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN DELEGATIONS, WILL MAKE STRONG PUSH TO RESTRICT FRG REPRESENTATION OF ALLIED AND GERMAN BROADCASTING INTERESTS IN WEST BERLIN. FRG CONCERN IS BASED ON CONCERTED GDR/USSR CHALLENGE TO THEIR POSITION AT FIRST SESSION OF CONFERENCE LAST OCTOBER (GENEVA 6505, 10/23/74), WHICH WEST GERMANS EXPECT TO BE INTENSIFIED AT
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COMING SESSION. FRG REPRESENTATIVES THEREFORE REQUESTED

USG REASSURANCE CONCERNING THEIR RIGHT REPRESENT WSB AT CONFERENCE. THEY ALSO ASKED WHETHER WE WOULD FAVOR PRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN AND FRG FREQUENCIES AS SEPARATE OR UNIFIED LISTS AT CONFERENCE, AND UNDER WHAT COUNTRY APPLICATION FOR EACH WEST BERLIN FREQUENCY SHOULD BE MADE.

2. US SIDE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR STATEMENT OF FRG VIEWS AND UNDERSTANDING FOR FRG CONCERN OVER POSSIBILITY OF RENEWED GDR/USSR CHALLENGE. WE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT POLITICAL ASPECTS OF WEST BERLIN FREQUENCY QUESTIONS ARE PROPERLY A TRIPARTITE MATTER AND SHOULD BE PURSUED IN BONN GROUP, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT FRG ITSELF RECENTLY CIRCULATED A PAPER ON THIS SUBJECT IN BONN GROUP (SUBSTANCE IS OUTLINED BELOW). FRG SIDE AGREED TO USING THIS FORUM, ALTHOUGH BOTH BUNDESPOST AND FOREIGN OFFICE REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED DESIRE THAT MATTER BE TREATED ON URGENT BASIS AS FREQUENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR OCTOBER CONFERENCE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO ITU BY MAY 1.

3. FRG PAPER CIRCULATED IN BONN GROUP EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT OCTOBER CONFERENCE COULD RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF FREQUENCIES AND OUTPUT STRENGTHS OF WEST BERLIN RADIO STATIONS. PAPER ALSO EXPRESSED EXPECTATION THAT GDR/USSR WILL AGAIN SEEK TO RESTRICT FRG RIGHT TO REPRESENT BROADCASTING INTERESTS IN WSB. PAPER POSED THREE QUESTIONS:

- A. SHOULD EXISTING FREQUENCIES FOR RIAS, AFN AND BBC BE REGISTERED BY FRG OR ALLIES?
- B. WOULD ALLIES PROVIDE FORMAL STATEMENT THAT REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN INTERESTS AT CONFERENCE BY FRG IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH QA, AND THAT CONFERENCE DOES NOT AFFECT QUESTIONS OF SECURITY AND STATUS OF BERLIN?
- C. WOULD ALLIES GIVE FRG A FORMAL MANDATE TO REPRESENT INTERESTS OF RIAS, AFN AND BBC?

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4. PRELIMINARY TRIPARTITE VIEW IS THAT WE SHOULD AVOID GIVING FORMAL STATEMENT CONCERNING QUESTIONS OF SECURITY AND STATUS AS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ALLIES TO MAKE SUCH FLAT STATEMENT ABOUT MULTILATERAL CONFERENCE. IT IS POSSIBLE, IN FACT, THAT SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN DELEGATIONS MAY RAISE SUCH QUESTION IN ATTEMPT TO DIMINISH COMPETENCE AND AUTHORITY OF FRG DELEGATION. TRIPARTITE VIEW IS THAT FORMAL TRIPARTITE MANDATE TO FRG COULD ONLY BE GIVEN IN VERY QUALIFIED FORM. WE WILL SEEK DEVELOP SUCH MANDATE.

5. OUR PRELIMINARY THINKING ON FIRST FRG QUESTION (HOW SHOULD EXISTING FREQUENCIES BE REGISTERED) IS THAT ALLIED-CONTROLLED FREQUENCIES SHOULD REMAIN UNDER US OR UK REGISTRATION, ALTHOUGH FRG WILL SUBMIT REQUIREMENT ORMS AND REPRESENT ALLIED INTERESTS IN CONFERENCE
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PROCEEDINGS. THIS WILL BE FURTHER EXPLORED AT NEXT TRIPARTITE MEETING.

6. THIS MESSAGE REPRESENTS VIEWS OF EMBASSY AND OF STATE/USIA REPRESENTATIVES AT MARCH 5 US/FRG MEETING.
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